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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Byhalia Pipeline, LLC Comments

Mike Lee,
TN Dept. of Environment & Conservation
Division of Water Resources

Dear Mr. Lee,

I am writing in to voice opposition to the proposed ARAP permit requested by Byhalia Pipeline, LLC for the 7.16 mile project transporting crude oil within Shelby County, Tennessee.

As a resident of Memphis and Shelby County, I feel strongly that the proposed pipeline poses significant environmental risk and causes great concern for our local water source, property values, and especially the health of my family, friends, and neighbors in Shelby County. Byhalia Pipeline, LLC backed by Plains All American Pipeline, has proposed to run the crude oil pipeline through a stable African American community with generations of land ownership, and without any meaningful involvement of local community leaders in the process.

It should also be noted that currently, Byhalia Pipeline, LLC backed by Plains All American Pipeline, the company faces criminal charges in California, where a pipeline ruptured in 2015, spilling 140,000 gallons of crude oil into the Pacific Ocean (https://n.pr/33jQuyu). Additionally, a 2017 US Department of Transportation report found Plains at fault for lapses in safety measures (https://bit.ly/2DQpuxK).

I ask that the State please refuse the permit request by Byhalia Pipeline, LLC.

Best regards,

Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Executive Director

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